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Interview Summary

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10/003,123

Applicant(s)

SWALES ET AL.

Examiner

J. Bret Dennison

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) J. Bret Dennison.

(3) Bill Allen.

(2) Stephanie Knapp.

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Date of Interview: 31 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 11.

Identification of prior art discussed: Salas et al. (U.S. 5,862,391).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: General discussion was made towards the limitation "an adapter device directly attached to a body of the slave device." Applicant explained the limitation with reference to the MODBUS concentrator of the prior art reference and how it is connected through the network. Examiner explained broad interpretations of this limitation including directly attached through a network still being directly attached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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